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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Currently amended) A metal separator for a fuel cell provided with;

a first separator member having a first rising wall section formed to be spaced apart from a formed section for introducing a gas by a predetermined distance, the first rising wall section performing a positional alignment; and

a second separator member having a second rising wall section formed to be spaced apart from a formed section for introducing a gas by the predetermined distance, the second rising wall section performing a positional alignment[[,]];

wherein the first rising wall section ~~of the first separator member~~ is fittingly inserted into the second rising wall section ~~of the second separator member~~[[,]]; and

the first rising wall section ~~of the first separator member~~ and the second rising wall section ~~of the second separator member~~ are folded to be caulked, thereby being bonded to each other.

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3. (Original) A metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 2, wherein a bonding section where the first separator member and the second separator member are bonded to each other serves as a manifold for passing a gas.

4. (Currently amended) A metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 2, wherein a bonding section where the first separator member and the second separator member are bonded to each other is configured such that a leading edge of the first rising wall section ~~of the first separator member~~ is brought into contact with the second separator member for covering a folding section of the second separator member with a folding section of the first separator member.

5. (Original) A metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 4, wherein a sealant is incorporated into a space formed between the second separator member and the folding section of the first separator member.

6. (Original) A metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 4, wherein a step section is provided at the bonding section of the first separator member and the second separator member.

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7. (Original) A metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 2, wherein, at the bonding section of the first separator member and the second separator member, a plate thickness of at least either one of the first separator member and the second separator member at the bonding section is decreased by a firm and intimate contact between the first separator member and the second separator member.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A bonding method of a metal separator for a fuel cell containing the steps of:

forming a first rising wall section of a first separator member to be spaced apart from a formed section for introducing a gas by a predetermined distance, the first rising wall section performing a positional alignment;

forming a second rising wall section of a second separator member to be spaced apart from a formed section for introducing a gas by the predetermined distance, the second rising wall section performing a positional alignment;

inserting the first rising wall section ~~of the first~~

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~~separator member~~ fittingly into the second rising wall section ~~of the second separator member~~;

folding the first rising wall section ~~of the first separator member~~ and the second rising wall section ~~of the second separator member~~; and

caulking the first rising wall section ~~of the first separator member~~.

10. (Currently amended) A bonding method of a metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 9, further containing the step of applying a sealant around the second rising wall section ~~of the second separator member~~ after the inserting step.

11. (Original) A bonding method of a metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 9, containing the step of forming a step section at a bonding section of the first separator member and the second separator member.

12. (Original) A bonding method of a metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 9, wherein a bonding section where the first separator member and the second separator member are bonded to each other serves as a manifold for passing a gas.

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13. (Currently amended) A bonding method of a metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 9, wherein a bonding section where the first separator member and the second separator member are bonded to each other is configured such that a leading edge of the first rising wall section ~~of the first separator member~~ is brought into contact with the second separator member for covering a folding section of the second separator member with a folding section of the first separator member.